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SUBJ: GRZ DENIES CONSIDERING EXPULSION OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA (GRZ) HAS OFFICIALLY DENIED RUMORS AND PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS BEEN CONSIDERING EXPELLING SOVIET AMBASSADOR VASIL SOLODOVNIKOV FOR HAVING TOLD KAUNDA THAT THERE WOULD BE A COUP ATTEMPT DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US AND UK IN MAY. IN A STATEMENT RELEASED JULY 21 BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JAMES MAPOMA (MINISTER OF MINES), THE GRZ STATED SOLODOVNIKOV HAD NEVER WARNED PRESIDENT KAUNDA ABOUT A POSSIBLE COUP, AND THEREFORE REPORTS THAT EXPULSION WAS BEING CONSIDERED WERE "NOT ONLY UNTRUE BUT A MALICIOUS FABRICATION."

2. MAPOMA SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO REPORTS ON THE ALLEGED IMBROGLIO CARRIED IN THE LONDON ECONOMIST, THE LONDON TIMES, AND THE DAILY TELEGRAPH. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF SIMILAR
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REPORTS WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE ALSO SURFACED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. MAPOMA CHARGED THAT THE BRITISH PRESS IS "NOTORIOUS" FOR PUBLISHING ERRONEOUS REPORTS ON ZAMBIA IN ORDER TO DIVERT WORLD ATTENTION FROM THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.

3. COMMENT: WHATEVER THE TRUTH BEHIND ALLEGATIONS OF KAUNDA'S DISPLEASURE WITH SOLODOVNIKOV, THE WIDE PUBLICITY

GIVEN TO THE STORIES COULD ENSURE THAT HE WILL BE AROUND
LUSAKA FOR A WHILE.
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